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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
SCHOOL SYSTEM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-95i of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (d) The State Board of Education shall maintain a rolling five-year
5 capital improvement and capital equipment plan that identifies: (1)
6 Alterations, renovations and repairs that each vocational-technical
7 school is expected to need, including, but not limited to, grounds and
8 athletic fields, heating and ventilation systems, wiring, roofs, and
9 windows, and the cost of such projects, (2) recommendations for
10 energy efficiency improvements to each school and the cost of such
11 improvements, and (3) the specific equipment each regional
12 vocational-technical school is expected to need, based on the useful life
13 of existing equipment and projections of changing technology and the
14 estimated cost of the equipment. [The State Board of Education shall
15 submit such plan, annually, to the joint standing committees of the
16 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,

17 finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of
18 state agencies.]

19 Sec. 2. Section 10-95k of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

21 (a) Not later than January 1, [1995] 2007, and biennially thereafter,
22 the State Board of Education shall prepare a summary report
23 concerning the regional vocational-technical school system and shall
24 submit the report to the joint standing [committee] committees of the
25 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
26 finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of
27 state agencies. The report shall include: [demographic]

28 (1) Demographic information for the preceding two school years on
29 applicants for admission, students enrolled and graduates, and a
30 summary of the capital and operating expenditures. Such information
31 shall be provided for the regional vocational-technical school system
32 and for each regional vocational-technical school and satellite facility.
33 Enrollment information shall be reported by race and sex and by
34 specific trade programs. Applicant information shall include the
35 number of applicants, the number accepted and the number enrolled
36 reported by race and sex. Enrollment capacity for each school and
37 projected enrollment capacity for the subsequent school year shall be
38 developed on the basis of a standardized format and shall be reported
39 for each school and satellite facility. The report shall also include
40 assessment of student outcomes including, but not limited to, mastery
41 examination results pursuant to section 10-14n, retention and
42 completion rates, and postsecondary education or employment based
43 on graduate follow-up and, for purposes of employment placement,
44 state unemployment insurance wage records; [.]

45 [(b) Reports prepared and submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of
46 this section on and after January 1, 1995, shall identify]

47 (2) The identification of each regional vocational-technical school for

48 which enrollment on the preceding October first was less than seventy
 49 per cent of the enrollment capacity identified in the report pursuant to
 50 this section for the prior year. For each such school the report shall
 51 include an analysis of: [(1)] (A) The reasons for such enrollment,
 52 including, but not limited to, the interest in the specific trade programs
 53 offered, the resources needed to serve special education students,
 54 demographic changes and the existence of alternative vocational,
 55 technical and technological educational training programs in the
 56 region in which the school is located; [(2)] (B) the likelihood that
 57 enrollment will increase or decrease in the future; [(3)] (C) any
 58 alternative uses for unused space in the facility; and [(4)] (D) a
 59 recommendation on the steps to be taken to improve enrollment or a
 60 timetable for closing the school. In preparing the analysis, the State
 61 Board of Education shall provide an opportunity for public comment;
 62 and

63 (3) The long-range plan of priorities and goals adopted by the State
 64 Board of Education pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-95i, a
 65 description of the needs of the regional vocational-technical school
 66 system to implement said plan, the rolling five-year capital
 67 improvement and capital equipment plan maintained pursuant to
 68 subsection (d) of said section, and the information described in section
 69 10-95j.

70 Sec. 3. Section 10-95h of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 71 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	10-95i(c)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2005	10-95k
Sec. 3	from passage	10-95h repealed

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that the reporting of regional vocational-technical school system data regarding (1) demographic, enrollment and capacity

information, (2) the rolling five-year capital improvement and capital equipment plan, and (3) the needs of the regional vocational-technical school system to implement the system's long-range plan of priorities and goals adopted by the State Board of Education be consolidated into a single report to be submitted to the General Assembly biennially, and to repeal the state-wide advisory committee concerning the state's vocational-technical schools.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]